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TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJECT: GATT PANEL ON MIP

REF: A. GENEVA 5838 B. STATE 180737 C. GENEVA 5731

1. GATT SECRETARIAT REPORTS THAT EC FINDS ACCEPTABLE FOR SUBJECT PANEL FOLLOWING THREE INDIVIDUALS: EGGERT OF FINLAND, JAGMETTI OF SWITZERLAND, AND SANDILYA OF INDIA. OF THESE, ONLY EGGERT WAS ON OUR ORIGINAL NOMINEE LIST. SECRETARIAT IS SOMEWHAT AT LOSS OVER EC NONACCEPTANCE OF BARTHEL ROSA OF BRAZIL. WE SPECULATED THAT EC MIGHT BE DELAYING ON MIP PANEL FORMULATION IN RETALIATION FOR U.S. PERFORMANCE ON DISC PANEL. OF COURSE AVAILABILITY OF CANDIDATES IS STILL UNKNOWN.

2. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED THAT WASHINGTON ACCEPT JAGMETTI, WHO HAS GROWING GATT CREDENTIALS, IS SERIOUS, AND IS INCREASINGLY KNOWN AROUND GENEVA AS HARDWORKING AND OBJECTIVE. SANDILYA OF INDIA HAS CHAIRED SEVERAL WORKING PARTIES, AND ALTHOUGH HE HAS ONLY BEEN IN GENEVA FOR A YEAR, IS CERTAINLY FAIR AND DOES MEET MINIMAL QUALIFICATION.
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TIONS. SANDILYA DOES NOT BY ANY MEANS HAVE GATT CREDEN-

TIALS COMPARABLE TO SUCH GENEVA HEAVYWEIGHTS AS TEESE OF AUSTRALIA (WHO IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO EC), BUT FIELD OF CANDIDATES IS LIMITED.

3. WE HAD HOPES THAT EC MIGHT ACCEPT A PANEL OF THREE MEMBERS, BUT THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT THE CASE. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE CANDIDATES, GATT SECRETARIAT HAS TODAY PROPOSED TO U.S. AND EC FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: VIKTOR SEGALLA OF AUSTRIA AND JULIO CESAR RAIMONDI OF ARGENTINA. PER GENEVA 5838, WE HAVE ALREADY RECOMMENDED THAT WASHINGTON APPROVE RAIMONDI. SEGALLA IS RELATIVELY JUNIOR BUT HANDLES MOST OF AUSTRIA'S GENEVA GATT WORK BELOW THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AND HAS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT HIS OBJECTIVITY AND FEEL HE MEETS THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, WITH THE SAME CAVEAT AS INDICATED ABOVE FOR SANDILYA.

4. NO DISCUSSION OF CHAIRMANSHIP HAS YET EMERGED, BUT WE BELIEVE EGGERT WOULD MAKE A GOOD CHAIRMAN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN INTEREST OF MOVING MIP PANEL ALONG, NOW THAT WE HAVE A LAST GOTTEN SOME RESPONSE OUT OF EC, WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE. IF WASHINGTON WISHES PROPOSE OTHER CANDIDATES, PLEASE ALSO INDICATE. CATTO

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